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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

□ 1945

TAX REFORM DELIVERING FOR AMERICANS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I had the honor of being in Pittsburgh with President Trump to hear him speak about how tax reform is putting America back to work. We were at H&K Equipment, a company that is investing in itself at a rate of 50 percent higher than last year thanks to tax reform.

H&K credits the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act for providing them with the ability to expense 100 percent of the investments they make in new construction and demolition equipment. That is tax reform right at work in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Of course, this is in addition to State College's AccuWeather giving year-end bonuses; Malvern's Meridian Bancorp increasing its minimum wage to \$15 per hour, with an additional 20 percent added to the 2017 bonuses; Allentown's American Bank giving employees \$1,000 bonuses; and Pittsburgh's PNC Financial Services giving \$1,000 bonuses to 47,500 of its nationwide employees, while increasing base wages, retirement program contributions, and its charitable giving.

These are just a few stories. Tax reform is working, fair and simple.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GENERAL EDWARD L. ROWNY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the persevering and prescient life of American General Edward L. Rowny, who passed away on December 18 of last year at the age of 100.

Proud of his Polish-American heritage, he attained a century of life in the Polish tradition of *Sto lat*, dear gen-

eral. This valiant soul served our Nation under five Presidents, of both parties.

He served under the command of General Douglas MacArthur and rose to be a shining general in his own right, a brave guardian of liberty through courage, sacrifice, expertise, and wisdom.

General Rowny was born the son of a Polish immigrant and a Polish-American mother on April 3, 1917. A West Point graduate, he served in World War II and led a battalion with the 92nd Army Infantry Division, driving up the west coast of Italy.

He remained a dogged ally of then-occupied Poland and the Polish people and advanced the return of the remains of Ignacy Jan Paderewski to Poland in 1992 after the fall of the Berlin Wall 3 years earlier.

He later founded the Rowny Paderewski Scholarship Fund to bring Polish students to the United States to study American democracy. He continued to raise funds for it until his dying day.

General Rowny lived to see solidarity bring freedom to Poland and helped usher Poland into the NATO security alliance.

He was an esteemed arms control adviser under every President from Richard Nixon to George H.W. Bush.

After being a chief negotiator in the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with the former Soviet Union, he was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.

General Rowny's life and being was imbued with his long history of fighting for freedom, justice, and democracy, including helping free his ancestral land of Poland. His accomplishments will not be forgotten.

Thank you, General Edward Rowny, for your service to liberty. You have been one of a kind, unceasing in your utter dedication to liberty at its cutting edge.

"Dziękuję bardzo. Bardzo. Bardzo." Thank you very much.

AMERICA'S ANGELS ABROAD

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Peace Corps volunteers represent what is best about America. They are our angels abroad. They give years of their lives to help other people. They build goodwill across the globe for the United States. But many Peace Corps volunteers don't receive the care that they need both in-country and when they get home.

Peace Corps volunteers struggle to access quality medical treatment when they are abroad in remote areas of the world. When they return to America, they face a red tape bureaucratic nightmare.

Congressman KENNEDY and I have sponsored the Sam Farr Peace Corps Enhancement Act. This act will improve and strengthen the health, safe-

ty, and well-being of current and returning Peace Corps volunteers. It requires that Peace Corps volunteers have access to a qualified Peace Corps medical officer overseas. It extends their Peace Corps medical coverage when they return home to America.

America must protect our Peace Corps ambassadors abroad. They are some of America's best.

And that is just the way it is.

WHAT WE DIDN'T DO FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, let me tell you what we did not do today for the American people's enhancement.

What we did not do today is provide for enlisted men and women. We need to increase compensation for their families who are on food stamps. We did nothing for them today.

We did nothing for Rose Escobar and her husband. Her husband was departed to El Salvador, a place where he has never been. They have two children and live in Houston, Texas. We have been pleading for his case to be reviewed. He is a DREAMER. He is DACA-eligible. He was managing a paint store. He was buying a house. We did nothing for him today.

Who else did we not do anything for?

The millions of people who use community health clinics and whose funding will expire. For 25 years, Central Care has been the facility that has served African Americans, Hispanics, and others for fee-for-service and Medicaid. We did absolutely nothing for them.

So we should not be afraid of stopping this government, if we have to do it, because we need to do something for the DREAMERS. We need to do something for people who don't have healthcare and have to use federally qualified health centers.

My God, we need to do something for the enlisted men and women whose families are on food stamps and whose salaries are not commensurate with the sacrifice they make.

I am standing, Mr. Speaker, with each and every one of them.

NEW WITHHOLDING TABLES

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the immediate benefits that H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, is already delivering for American families.

On January 11, the Treasury Department released its updated withholding tables for 2018. These tables work to implement the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the tax reform package passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump just before Christmas.